Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Christine Svanny Bendickson was born on December 21, 1913, to Berndt and Elise Bendickson at Montevideo, Minnesota, and was the oldest of six siblings; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Christine married Elmer Dempsey on November 22, 1933, at Watertown, South Dakota, and gave life and love to six children: Darlyne, Deverne, Arlen, Carole, Phyllis and Janice; and,

Whereas, Christine and Elmer farmed south of Sisseton most of their married life with Christine actively assisting with the farming operation as well as maintaining a garden, canning and baking bread, and also found time to do some bird watching and listening to music; and,

Whereas, Christine continues to maintain her own home in Sisseton, and has always shown an interest in and been willing to help with her 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, and now anxiously awaits the arrival of her first great-great-grandchild in December; and,

Whereas, Christine will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on December 20, 2003, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 20, 2003, as

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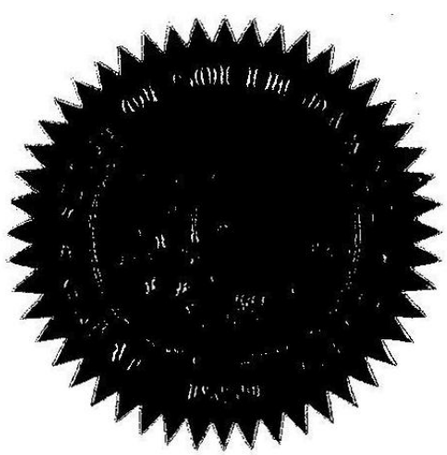
in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State